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- 1. WITH REGARD TO FRIEDRICH'S MAY 7-10 VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE WANT TO REITERATE DESIRABILITY OF MAKING THIS VISIT A SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WITH THIS HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE SPD BUNDESTAG PARLIAMENTARIAN.
- 2. FRIEDRICH'S QUALITIES AS A PRAGMATIC POLITICIAN AS WELL AS A LEADING SPD INTELLECTUAL HAVE WON HIM THE RESPECT OF TOP FIGURES SUCH AS SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER. UNLIKE SOME IN HIS PARTY TO WHOM CRITICISM OF THE US AND ITS POLICIES COMES EASILY, FRIEDRICH SHOULD BE SEEN AS A FRIEND OF THE US WHO IS LOOKING FOR POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS AND UNDERSTANDING. HE IS ALSO THE KIND OF FIGURE WHOSE IMPRESSIONS WILL MAKE AN IMPACT ON SCHMIDT AND WEHNER.
- 3. FOR THESE REASONS, AND IN THE INTEREST OF FURTHERING THE INTELLECTUAL CONTENT OF US-FRG DISCUSSIONS DURING THIS SENSITIVE TIME, WE WANT AGAIN TO UNDERSCORE OUR ENDORSEMENT (REFTEL) OF FRIEDRICH'S REQUEST FOR SENIOR WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING DR. BRZEZINSKI CONFIDENTIAL

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AT WHITE HOUSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST AND DR. SHULMAN AT STATE, AND DIRECTOR WARNKE OF ACDA, AS WELL AS FOR THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LISTED IN REFTEL. STOESSEL

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